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baker, of Luray, Virginia. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. E T. Brumback, Jas. E. Compton and Geo. H. Chrisman.

AS WELL TRY TO LIVE WITH-OUT EATING.

DEEP RIVER ALLIANCE, No. 526,

Gulf, N. C., May 15, '89. MR. EDITOR:—A few lines this a. m. in regard to the Alliance, crops, &c. Well, No. 526 is still in existance, but some times I fear it has a disease that will kill it; it is negligence—a want of confidence in the brethren, or something of the kind, for we can't get them to attend regular. Now I am quite a young adviser, but, brethren, let me tell you, that it is just as much impossible for you to be a successful Alliance member without attending regular as it is to live without eating. You cannot be a good and true Alliance man without being prompt to attend, and if you do not take THE PROGPESSIVE FARMER next fall, if you don't watch you will be two years be hind instead of one. But let the officers attend any way, for it is more essential that they attend regular than the other members. We have sixty odd members on our roll, and the majority of them are good men; if we could just get them all together, we could help roll the stone away that draws the farmer back so much.

Now, brethren, let us attend our meeting every time; don't miss a single time, and take my word for it we will move on faster. We are not at all afraid but what we will conquor the enemy, but the more we have the essier the fight will be and the sooner one that practices what he preaches.

1883. We will fatten up when we sure to treat you right. can quit eating soap stone and get

Alliance—or rather holds it—back. It anon.

is the want of faith in its officers, members and its principles. Now wake up; throw off that hindrance; don't even think of it, and let every Sub-Alliance in the State of North Caro-

Now I will close for this time, hoping with just such merchants.

subject as he.-ED.) Wishing you better day; I am,

Respectfully, W. D. HOOKER, Sec'y.

LET THE ALLIANCE MANUFAC TURE ITS OWN FERTIL-IZER.

DURHAM, May 10, 1889. It has been a long time since anything appeared in your paper from our lodge, but we are still living and progressing as rapidly perhaps as we should. Our membership is far ahead of what it was six months ago. No discord and strife ever arises among our band. Outsiders are working against us but our lecturer is fully capable of meeting every objection of fered against us to the full satisfaction of all our members. Our lodge it certainly blessed with one of the best lecturers in the State. He is a man in whom the people have confidence, a man of pure motives, true blue Alliance man, a pure Christian gentleman. We have purchased our fertilizers at same price as of last year. I, for one, think it all a humthan heretofore. I have heard enough to fully convince me that this plea is well understood between the here I will say let us commence at once to establish a fertilizer company of our own. \$1.00 from every male member of the Alliance in the State, will raise funds sufficient to establish one of the largest fertilizer companies

Our warehouse and factory is a success. We would like for all who can to visit our factory and see its arrangements workings let it not be surpassed by any factory in the State.

by all means.

Drs. White and Dalby know how make money count. Through their

State Business Agency Fund. Why hurry, whatever, just so the house be- directed efforts do they day by day if done in Liverpool. I respectfully liberally and willingly to it; is it for it is all right? It certainly has the promise is that we shall have grace publish this. the lack of confidence? Yes, I an. appearance of evil, and as large per according to the day. swer, it is. The great hindrance to it cent. of our farmers are becoming You must have a purpose in life,

FROM ORANGE COUNTY.

Long Sermon in Few Words.

ORANGE ACADEMY ALLIANCE, No. 1073. MR. EDITOR:-Ever since I have lina draw some from its treasury, and been reading your valuable paper possibly can pay \$1, any way, if not mind as the need of Farm Reform. and success shall be yours. I am, Whatever may be the condition of our country at large, our farmers cannot that before the beginning of the year prosper under the existing circum-1890 we will have the desired amount, stances. Our farmers are not selfand I know we will if every member supporting under present system of will do his duty. Let me say to all the farming. We need a more economibrethren, do the best you can; look cal system, one that will improve our for your neighbor's interest as well as lands and bring a better return for your own. Let us all work together. our labor, we need a system that will Let us fight the bagging trust, and make our living and protect us from fight it with a vim too. We can, we the galling yoke of monopoly. We will, and I tell you we must come out need that system of thought and acvictorious or we will forever be trod- tion that carried our forefathers den down. We must fight such men through the American Revolution. as buy corn at fifty cents per bushel Independence is the only firm basis and sells for ninety cents to \$1 per on which the farmer can stand. bushel on time to a poor farmer who Live at home and board at the same of the Alliance, Wheel and Union cannot help himself. No, thanks be house. Make your own manure disto God, we don't expect to live under pensing with going in debt for fertilisuch bondage forever, and I think the | zer, make all the provisions that it is time is not far distant when we farm- possible for you to make and let coters of North Carolina will shake hands | ton and tobacco be a surplus crop. Plant less and make it better; ditch Well I must close, for I tell you I your lands and clean up the branches am not so independent but what some | so as to make two ears of corn where one might take exceptions at this. I one has grown before. These and believe if Col. Polk was a farmer and other things faithfully followed with farming on credit, he would expose pride will be better for us and if we some of these extortioners. (No fifty can manage these domestic affairs and men in our State has done so much to our Alliance will blossom like a rose. open the eyes of our farmers on this Yes, we must build on what we have, that is the soil. 'Tis but true that we Asst. Lecturer-J. S. Bradley, Luray, much success, and all the farmers a have been too careless both in farming and the management of our business. How long will our farmers stick to these crude methods of farming or depend on others to do their business who study their own interest. It is not enough for us to make a living although it is more than some of us do make. We have as good a right to move on in the scale of progress as | 5 any other class or profession. All we ask, is give us a chance and we will stand on our own merits.

And now a good word for THE PRO GRESSIVE FARMER. I consider it one of the best agricultural papers in circulation and coming as it does to that class of people who need instruction, it ought to be in the hands of every farmer in the State. Yours fraternally. A FARMER'S SON

A WORD OF ADMONITION.

LAUREL, N. C., April 18, '89. Mr. Editor:-Please give me space in your paper to say a word to the brethren. I cannot know them all, but it matters not whether they are young or near the middle of life, with bug about chemicals being higher a fair degree of health and wise care, you may have 20 or 30 years of usefulness before you. What can you not accomplish in those years. You manufacturers and his agents. Right have entered upon a life of infinite possibilities and of grand opportunities. God has endowed you with faculties capable of development, and you are in an age when true manhood and efficiency are in great demand, and the young men of to-day must in a few in the State then we will know when years stand in all the responsible places chemicals are high and when they are in life. They will be the governors low. I will vouch for \$1.00 per memof families, and they must control all ber from our lodge. Let this be done our institutions. They must make and execute the laws for the protection and advancement of society. No thoughtful man can stand at the threshold of life and see the future generation rising before him endowed with immortality and know that their destiny will depend in a great measure upon the character of the young men we will gain the victory. Remember hard work and skillful management of the present, without realizing the that our election comes off in June; we are to-day manufacturing a brand necessity of a discipline that shall let us elect officers that do attend of smoking tobacco (Farmers' Delight) create well regulated homes and lecturer ought to be a solid man and world; and those who doubt it will be ties bring great responsibilities. You convinced if they try one package. are not only responsible for what you other reason why cotton bagging We long to see the day, and hope it Now for a few words in regard to Ye Alliance men smoke none other are, but responsible for what you should be used. It will take 49,000,000 is not far distant, when the farmer the wheat and oat crop: It certainly than the "Farmers' Delight." You ought to be. You are not only under | yards to cover 7,000,000 bales, and it | is fine; very nearly as good as it was in | can buy it of Dr. Dalby, who will be obligations to do all that for which | will require 100,000 bales to manufacturers and speculators of the you have ability to do, but all for ture the bagging, and the conversion country. I have a question to ask that is a which you can acquire ability to per- of 100,000 bales into cotton bagging some good peas to eat. The outlook puzzle to some of us, and then I will form. The man who had one talent would enhance the price of cotton at for a good corn and cotton crop is close: In two of our leading tobacco was not condemned because he had least 1 of a cent. per pound, being discouraging; there is a very poor markets we have Alliance warehouses no talent, but because he did not acstand of corn; scarcely one half of a which are liberally patronized in each quire another. Of course we can do the amounts in the table above and it stand. Cotton is coming up very of these towns. There are three or no more than we are able to do at any | will save to the producer by the use slow, as the ground is so hard and dry. four other warehouses; the order of given time, but if endowed with one of cotton bagging \$1 25 to \$1.75 per see so little in your esteemed paper loved brother, R. E. Webster, and Owing to the complete failure in the sale is rotary. Often it is the case talent, we must gain another, for we bale. pea crop last year, it is hard to get that all these houses are full to their shall be responsible for two in time, seed to plant. I think we will have utmost capacity, thus making it neces and also for the work of two. All all kinds of fruit in abundance, but I sary to hurry sales to get through. great men became great because of think from the present outlook the Why is it, that whenever this is the acquired ability. There must be the where it is first sold. And if this is thought I would write you. We were as a neighbor and a citizen. Our loss most of us will have to eat it without case, and it so happens that the Alli. natural ability as a capital with done it will force every producer of organized on the 13th of December, is your gain. sugar, as it is advancing in price very ance house gets the last sale, all, which to start, but men have only cotton to use cotton bagging. Ceror at least some of the other houses, enough natural ability to make a be- tainly, it is better to take the tare off The last but not the least is the seem to have a plenty of time, no ginning, and along the lines of well- here under our supervision than have P. Ragland, President of Hyco Alli- Webster has settled, that he was loved

s the same little thing that pulls the disgusted with such proceedings. More and the higher you set your mark the

You must understand that there can be no successful life that has reference to self alone. No man can live to himself; he is to live for others or for the good of others. If you would make your mark, start at once; aim besides that let every individual who nothing has so much impressed my high but aim true. Press forward

Yours fraternally,

E M. GUPTON, Sec'y Sandy Creek Alliance. COTTON AGAINST JUTE BAG-

Read and Digest.

GING.

W. H. Lawson, a delegate to the late Alliance Convention at Birmingham, and Chairman of the Committee on Tare, appointed by said Convention, makes the following statement

in regard to cotton bagging: The late Convention at Birmingham. Ala., composed of representatives embracing the cotton growing States, adopted cotton bagging as a permanent covering for cotton, and appointed a committee on tare consisting of W. H. Lawson, Esq., of Alabama, T. A. Clayton, Esq., of Louisiana, and Colonel L. F. Livingston, of Georgia, to confer with the cotton exchanges, buyers and manufactories, to secure reduction of tare on cotton covered with cotton bagging. There has not been any meeting of the committee and the figures and statements here made are my own, and the committee is not responsible for them, and may not endorse them. I make the following table showing the cost to the producer of cotton and jute bagging:

Cotton Baging | Jute Baging-

weight per y'd,

weight per y'd

ana Y'ds per bale.

*C.	0000	sis,Oct.deliv'y	only organization that has stood the test of time, and perhaps the next is Masonry, and now, Mr. Editor, with the Holy Bible in one hand, and all the products of the earth in the other, we should at least gain the third place, but there must be no straggling, no shirking, every man to his post, and one year from now the effect will be wonderful. SLUG 9. NOTE FROM ROCKINGHAM CO. SIMPSON'S STORE, N. C., May 18, '89.
877/sc.	60 57 60 00 60 00	Cost p'r bale- 6 y'ds bagg'ng	
51/4 lbes.	9 lbs 10½ lbs 12 lbs 13½ lbs	Tare-6 yards of bagging.	
6	0,000	per bale.	
25c.	25c 25c	Cost per bale -6 Arrow ties	
10½ Tos.	1014 hs 1014 hs 1014 hs	Tare—6 Arrow ties.	
10½ ms. \$1 12½ 15½ ms.	91 ° °	Tot'l cost bag- ging and ties, 1 bale cotton.	
	191/ 2034 ths 2234 ths 2834 ths	Tot'l tare, bag- ging and ties, 1 bale cotton.	
500 lbs	500 lbs 500 lbs 500 lbs	Gross weight, 1 bale cotton.	
15½ths.	2034 hs. 2334 hs. 2334 hs.	Less tare.	
500 lbs 15½lbs. 484½lbs	480% hs 479% hs 477% hs 476% hs	Net weight, 1 bale cotton.	
90	9c.	Market price p'r lb. cotton.	
\$48 601/2	\$43 263 48 181 48 093 42 861	Gross am't recid for one bale cotton.	
\$43 60½ \$1 12½	79 c. 82 c. 86½ c. 91 c.	Less total cost bag'ng & ties.	
\$42 48	\$42 478 42 8114 42 2814 41 9514	Net preceeds 1 bale cotton to producer.	have been little more than slaves. But we are alive to our interests now, and hope in the future to raise our own
Comparison	between	the above	supplies, grow less tobacco and pur-

tables shows that the use of cotton bagging will net the producer over

In addition to the above there is anequal to \$1.25 per bale. Add this to

W. H. LAWSON.

TABB's CREEK. greater will be your achievements. to give, but hard enough to take.

NO STRAGGLING.

Every Manto His Post. POPLAR SPRING ALLIANCE No. 95.

Halifax Co., Va., May 18, 1889. Mr. Editor:-Knowing your deep interst in all matters pertaining to our cause, I take the privilege of dropprogress in this section of old Virginia. I do so in honor of that good | success. old Samaritan Captain Lee, of your State, who came among us as a missionand organized our lodge among many more, with but 9 charter members: on our last meeting we admitted four young ladies, to embellish and adorn

and render more attractive our meetings. Our membership embraces the Short Grabs is so good I can't help very best material and most prosperous farmers in the radius of our lodge | them ! And Sub-Alliance expresses territory, and now applications are my sentiments to a dot. I have heard coming in every meeting; and what is so much of this "hold on, boys, and better, we have the utmost unanimity | wait for the State and County Allsand good will among us-all seeming | ances," that I was rejoiced to see that to be in dead earnest to do something | some brother over there had seen talk to alleviate the condition of the far- oaks that grew from little acorns. mers and their families, and to place | Now I am not in favor of going on their order on a foundation something | recklessly, but I am bitterly opposed like that of the Alliances of the old to waiting till fall to plant a spring North State, Georgia and Texas. And crop. Best wishes for THE PROGRESS. what stronger allies, Mr. Editor, could | IVE FARMER. Fraternally, any people wish than those above named States. Your correspondent when a boy, had the honor of serving in the artillery of the Confederacy, and the still higher honor of being supported on many occasions by the troops from all these States, and know they have "sand in their craws," and whatever we undertake conjointly, is mighty apt to be a success. In the language of our old friend, Ben. Ferrell, "the farmers are the mudsills of the world," and when we turn Cost p'r yd ba- over somebody will feel the shock. The religion of Jesus Christ is the only organization that has stood the test of time, and perhaps the next is Masonry, and now, Mr. Editor, with the Holy Bible in one hand, and all the products of the earth in the other, we

majority of our farmers here are enthusiastic Alliance men, but here and there is an old fogy who calls it a guano company. "money trap," etc.; it takes so much money, you know; and some say it will bring on war, which, in one sense,

The farmers should be the freest of all free men, but in the past years we have been little more than slaves. But we are alive to our interests now, and hope in the future to raise our own this as a hint to the wise. supplies, grow less tobacco and purchase less fertilizer. We see that | ing that we can possibly do without there is no money in having our corn. I think I see the day dawning when cribs in St. Louis and our smoke-houses | the poor monopoly-ridden, trust-ridden in Chicago and we are going to move them home.

Push forward the glorious work. will stand equal with the merchant. Fraternally, J. M. B.

FROM THE OLD DOMINION.

RED BANK, VA., May 8, '89. It seems to me the practical solution our county, and thinking the brethren county, near Apex. of this question is to take the actual and sisters of our sister State would tare from the cotton in the market like to hear something from us, I dent of our lodge, but we miss him 1888, with sixteen members and now number 75 male and female. Bro. J. Wake and community in which Bro. ance, was with us to-day, and at our and honored by all who knew him, as is it that don't all contribute more fore the Alliance house gets through acquire ability for their life-work. The ask the press of the entire country to suggestion we agreed to send delegates an upright, honorable, Christian gento Hyco Alliance next Saturday to tleman, capable of doing any servicearrange for fertilizers. I think our which you may see fit to demand of members are determined not to use him. I will close for my letter is Advice is like castor oil, easy enough any guano unless it can be purchased already too long. through the Alliance. I am sorry

our State is so far behind our old sie ter North Carolina, but you just tell them we are coming. I am sorry that I can't get THE FARMER regular, ass I enjoy reading it very much indeed. I just think that letter from Bro. John King was simply splendid, and the resolutions of Hertford and Horse ping you a few lines in regard to its | Shoe Alliances manifest the true Alliances ance spirit and the only sure road

I do so much enjoy the way you put it to the North Carolina Legislaary in the cause but a few months ago, | ture, and I agree with you heart and soul in regard to the treatment of convicts. And H. M. S. C., of Conand we have grown steadily since in | dale Alliance, writes a letter that membership until now we number 39 | men of the Alliance would do well good and true men (and ladies). Yes read and put in practice. I am not me citizen of your State, but live so near the line that I feel almost as much imterest in her welfare as if I was. And enjoying it. Hurrah, boys; give it to C. P. WALL.

SOME GOOD POINTS.

FAIR PROMISE ALLIANCE, No. 437, Chatham Co., March 15, '89.

Mr. Editor:—As you have never had anything from our lodge, I will by request of my Alliance, write year a short letter for THE PROGRESSIVE

Our Alliance is situated on Hickory Mountain, embracing the most fortile lands of Chatham county. Our principal crop is cotton, but I long to see the day when the farmers of this, and well as other parts of the State, will plantless cotton and raise more grand

Show me a community that raises cotton and neglects grain, and I will show you a people who are struggling under mortgages and other difficult

Our people have got into such a habit of buying guano that they think they cannot make cotton without Yes, "bound to have guano." "It would not pay without it." "It wouldn't open before frost."

Well, let us see where the pay

Say one acre would produce 1,000 pounds seed cotton, without anything give \$7 for a sack of gueno, and one year with another it wouldn't make more than 1,100 pounds, or 100 pounds more than if you had not used it. You have hauled the guano, put it the row, picked out 100 pounds of cotton, hauled it to market, all for the

If you had been making your own manure at home while you were doing this, you could have crammed the profit down into your own jeans. I. for one, am not going to buy a dust of guano. I have made own manure. and yesterday, while it was raining I made me a basket to use in putting it into the drill. I might have hired a negro to have made it, but by doing it myself I saved that much. "Money saved is money made." I mention

Let us stick together and buy note. and mortgage-ridden farmer will be on more equal footing with the moving forces of the world.

We have a co-operative store established at Siler City, which has done wonderful in the way of cheapening goods. The other merchants try to undersell us, in order to break us down, but we must know no such word as fail.

Our Alliance numbers about 77. We still keep receiving them. We have dismissed several by dimiz Col. L. L. Polk.—Dear Sir:—As I Amongst the number were our befrom our State, and especially from family, who have moved to Wake

We not only miss him as Presi-

I can only say to the citizens of

W. V. CHEEK, Sec'y